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## ARGENTINE INVASION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. POSTS MAY FIND USEFUL THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF REACTIONS SO FAR (AS AT MIDNIGHT 2-8 APRIL) BOTH TO THE ARGENTINE ACTION ITSELF AND TO OUR REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT IN TAKING ECONOMIC AND OTHER MEASURES AGAINST ARGENTINA (FCO TELNOS 63 TO ANKARA AND 71-72 TO BRUSSELS). YOU SHOULD MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF THIS INFORMATION TO SHOW BOTH THE EXTENT OF INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE BRITISH POSITION AND THE EFFORTS WE HAVE BEEN MAKING AND ARE CONTINUING TO MAKE TO EXERT PRESSURE ON ARGENTINA WITH A VIEW TO REACHING A SOLUTION BY DIPLOMATIC MEANS.

## I - STATEMENTS OF CONDEMNATION

2. STATEMENTS CONDEMNING ARGENTINE ACTION, MANY OF THEM EXPLICITLY CALLING FOR ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL FROM FALKLANDS, HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY:

- I) THE TEN MEMBER STATES OF THE EC COLLECTIVELY, THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION, AND MOST OF THE EC GOVERNMENTS INDIVIDUALLY.
- II) THE UNITED STATES
- III) THE MAJORITY OF COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES, INCLUDING AUSTRALIA, CANADA, NEW ZEALAND, ANTIGUA, BARBADOS, BELIZE, BOTSWANA, DOMINICA, FIJI, GUYANA, JAMAICA, KENYA, MALAWI, MAURITIUS; PAPUA NEW GUINEA, ST LUCIA, ST VINCENT, SINGAPORE, SOLOMON ISLANDS, SRI LANKA, TONGA, TUVALU, VANUATU AND ZAMBIA.
- IV) A NUMBER OF OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, VIZ: NORWAY, PORTUGAL, SWEDEN.

3. THE PAPAL NUNCIO IN BUENOS AIRES HAS EXPRESSED THE VATICAN'S DISAPPROVAL OF THE ARGENTINE ACTION.

4. AMONG OTHER NON-COMMONWEALTH, NON-EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, THREE (JORDAN, TOGO AND ZAIRE) WERE AMONG THE FIVE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES WHICH VOTED FOR SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502, WHICH DEMANDS AN IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ARGENTINE FORCES. A NUMBER

OF OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SWEDEN, TURKEY, BAHRAIN, NIGERIA, SYRIA AND PAKISTAN, HAVE EXPRESSED PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE RESOLUTION, AS HAVE THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE IN A DECLARATION ON 7 APRIL.

5. LATIN AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR ARGENTINA HAS NOT BEEN AS SOLID AS MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED, ALTHOUGH ONLY CHILE HAS PUBLICLY TAKEN AN ANTI-ARGENTINE LINE. MOST LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES SUPPORT THE ARGENTINE CASE ON SOVEREIGNTY ITSELF, BUT NONE HAS ENDORSED THE USE OF FORCE. MEXICO AND ECUADOR HAVE CONDEMNED THE USE OF FORCE TO RESOLVE INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS, WHILE BRAZIL AND COLOMBIA HAVE TAKEN A NEUTRAL LINE, APPEALING TO BOTH SIDES TO SEEK A PEACEFUL SOLUTION AND BOTH OFFERING MEDIATION (THE LATTER VIA THE OAS). THE LEADING OPPOSITION TO THE BRITISH CASE HAS COME FROM PANAMA AND VENEZUELA.

## II - DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC ACTION

6. NEW ZEALAND HAS BROKEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA, WHILE AUSTRALIA, CANADA AND BELGIUM HAVE RECALLED, OR ARE RECALLING, THEIR AMBASSADORS. FRANCE, CANADA, THE US, GERMANY BELGIUM, THE NETHERLANDS, AUSTRIA AND SWITZERLAND HAVE UNDERTAKEN NOT TO SUPPLY ARMS TO ARGENTINA. NO COUNTRY HAS YET RESPONDED SUBSTANTIVELY TO OUR REQUEST TO SUSPEND EXPORT CREDITS, BAN IMPORTS OR TAKE OTHER ECONOMIC ACTION AGAINST ARGENTINA, THOUGH IT IS HOPED THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WILL TAKE A COLLECTIVE DECISION ABOUT THIS ON 9 APRIL. A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE EXPLAINED THAT THEIR COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA ARE TOO INSIGNIFICANT TO ENABLE THEM TO HELP US.

7. FINALLY, YOU SHOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE PRIVATELY EXPRESSED SYMPATHY WITH THE UK POSITION, AND SOME ARE STILL CONSIDERING ISSUING PUBLIC STATEMENTS. (SEE MIFGT).

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 KHARTOUM  
 RABAT  
 TRIPOLI  
 TUNIS  
 ABIDJAN  
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